

Chain O'Lakes State Park
260 636-2654

2013 DEER REDUCTION INFORMATION SHEET

PHOTO ID MUST BE PRESENTED TO ENTER

**Please save or print a copy of this document for reference.
You are responsible for understanding all the following information.**



Important Note

We appreciate your willingness to help manage the impact from deer browsing. For this reduction to be effective, please harvest any deer that presents a safe and ethical shot (within established bag limits), especially those that are antlerless. Please make every effort to be present during the reduction. The number of hunters allowed at each park is strategically calculated. Your absence affects how successfully we reach our objective of a balanced ecosystem.

- Date/Time:** The 2013 Deer Reduction hunts will be conducted on November 18th & 19th and December 2nd & 3rd. The park will be closed to the general public starting from 8 p.m. EST (7 p.m., CST) on the Sunday November 17th before the first hunt period through 8 a.m. EST (7 a.m. CST) on Wednesday November 19th and 8 p.m. on Sunday December 1st before the second hunt period through 8 a.m. EST (7 a.m. CST) Wednesday December 4th following each hunt period. In order to enter the park the day(s) of the hunt, you must show photo identification.
- Hunt Hours:** 7:30 a.m. EST (6:30 a.m. CST) until 4 p.m. EST (3 p.m. CST)
- Bag Limit:** During each reduction period for which you have been drawn you are allowed to take up to three deer, only one of which can be antlered. These deer do not count against your regular state deer hunting license or bag limit.
- Open Houses:** There will be an open house for hunters on the Sunday before each hunt period. Attendance is not mandatory but will allow you to visit, ask questions and receive information. Park Personnel will be on hand to help in any way they can.
- For hunters drawn for November 18th and 19th, there will be an open house at the park on Sunday, November 17th. The open house is from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. EST at the Chain O' Lakes Park office.
- For hunters drawn for December 2nd and 3rd, there will be an open house at the park on Sunday, December 1st. Open house is from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. EST at the Chain O' Lakes Park office.
- Tree Stands:** NON-PENETRATING tree stands may be put up by those drawn for the hunt. Non-penetrating tree stands may be installed at Chain O' Lakes 10 days prior to the hunt date for which you are drawn. All stands must be removed on the last day of the hunt for each period. A SAFETY HARNESS IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

Safety Zones:	SAFETY ZONES have been established and you may not enter these areas except to retrieve a deer. Loaded firearms are not permitted in safety zones, park buildings or service areas. Safety zones are marked with <u>yellow florescent flagging</u> .
Hunter Orange:	At all firearms hunts a participant must expose outer garments with hunter orange, including both a hat or cap AND vest, coat, jacket or coveralls.
Alcoholic Beverages:	Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be allowed in the park.
Meat Handling:	You must take home all deer harvested. Contact the property for a list of meat handling companies in the area that process deer if you wish to donate meat to charity. It is up to you to pay all processing costs. When leaving the property with harvested deer please cover them with a tarp or other suitable material.
Substitutes:	Do not attempt to come up with a substitute if you know you can not participate in the reduction hunt. Contact the property office and they may try to make arrangements to fill your position from a waiting list of drawn hunters.
Hunters With Disabilities:	If you have a handicapped hunting license and indicated this on your application, you should call the park office before the November 18 th date for the first hunt and December 2nd for the second hunt, so we can try to accommodate any special needs you may have.
Parking:	Park only in authorized areas.
Tagging:	You will receive three temporary assigned tags, upon arrival at the park, to place on all harvested deer. It is important that these tags be placed on the deer immediately.
Retrieval:	You are responsible to retrieve your deer from the field. If you do need assistance, please make the check station aware of this and an effort will be made to provide assistance. DO NOT leave the property and trespass on private property in an attempt to retrieve a downed deer. Contact the check station, park personnel or Law Enforcement personnel immediately.
Field Dressing:	Please do not field dress deer in any mowed or public area. Field dress at least 50 ft. from any road or trail and cover the entrails with leaf litter.
Protesters:	If you encounter any protesters, please do not talk with them or enter into any arguments. Contact property personnel and they will handle the matter.
Park Access:	All entry into and exit from the Chain O' Lakes State Park must be through the Main Gate on Indiana 9. You may enter the park at 5:30 a.m. EST on hunt days. YOU MUST PRESENT A PHOTO ID BEFORE ADMITTANCE
Assigned Unit:	There are no hunting units at Chain O' Lakes State Park. You may hunt anywhere, except safety zones.
Lodging:	Camping will <u>not</u> be allowed at Chain O' Lakes State Park during the hunt dates. Lodging is available in Columbia City and Kendallville.
Park Boundaries:	Boundaries are marked with <u>white flagging</u> .